( REPORT No. 2721.

## LIGHT-HOUSE, CAPE FEAR RIVER, NEAR WILMING-TON, N. C.

JANUARY 30, 1897 .- Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Corliss, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

## REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2906.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2906) for the establishment of a light-house at the pitch of Cape Fear River, near Wilmington, N. C., make a favorable report thereon, respectfully refer to the Senate report, and recommend that the bill do pass with an amendment:

In lines 5, 6, and 7, strike out the words, "which sum is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

## [Senate Report No. 824, Fifty-fourth Congress, first session.]

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The bill was referred to the Treasury Department, which Department reports as follows:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Washington, D. C., April 25, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your committee of April 22, 1896, inclosing Senate bill No. 2906, "For the establishment of a lighthouse at the pitch of Cape Fear River, near Wilmington, N. C.," with request for suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

In reply I have to say that this bill upon receipt was referred to the Light-House Board for examination and report.

The Board replies that it has recommended the establishment of this light-house in its last six annual reports, and that it renewed it on page 107 of its Annual Report for 1895. The Board further states that it recommended that an appropriation of \$70,000 be made for this purpose on page 181 of the current Book of Estimates, and that it sees no objection to the passage of the bill in question ..

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKE, Acting Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, United States Senate.